

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 4-6 remain in the application and have been amended hereby with claims 1, 3, and 7-14 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 15 and 16 have been added.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 4 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Aharon.

In paragraph 9 of the instant Official Action, claims 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any interviewing claims.

Claim 1 has been cancelled hereby and added to claim 6 from which it depended. Claim 5 has been amended hereby to include claims 1 and 4 in their entirety from which claim 5 originally depended.

Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 6, which now is in independent form. It is respectfully submitted that claim 4 is now patentable extinct.

The cancellation of claim 1 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 102(e).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 2 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Paterson et al.'503 in view of Paterson et al. '293.

Claim 2 has been amended hereby to depend from claim 6

that includes the allowable subject matter and is now in independent form.

New claims 15 and 16 have been added and correspond to claims 2 and 4 and depend from claim 5 which is in independent form and includes allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in this application include allowable subject matter and that present application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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